

Freedom Life Centre News



A Ministry Arm of
Rangeville Uniting Church
Toowoomba, Australia

*"...to proclaim freedom for the
captives..." (Isaiah 61:1-3)*

JOY TO THE WORLD

For Unto Us

The Infant Babe
All pure and warm,
Born on earth
To a lowly maid.
Come to love
And save the souls
Of sinners, just like me.

The first to see
This miracle child,
Were shepherds,
All frightened and wide eyed.
Angels had come
And told the news,
While in the fields
They watched their flocks.

Wise men also
Came to view
This marvellous sight
That had come about.
With presents rich
They gave with joy,
To this beautiful baby boy.

And you,
Have you seen
This child so rare?
That gave His life
So you might share
Eternal life,
In His great Heaven.



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*For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9: 6

From Dulcie's Desk

On behalf of all here at Freedom Life Centre I would like to thank everyone who has helped our ministry, through prayer and by financial gifts. I don't get to personally thank some of the people who donate through direct banking as the details don't appear on our bank statement, but please accept this as our grateful thanks. Without people's prayers and gifts our ministry would not be able to help as many as we do.

Our ministry teams are having a break between Christmas and the end of January, our thanks also go to all our team members who volunteer their time to help out with individual ministry. Our seminars don't commence until February 2003, however, planning has already started to get these seminars under way.

We were very appreciative of the help in our ministry of David and Linley Matthews from Western Australia, who were in Toowoomba for three months with their family. Our prayers go with them as they travel back home.

We look forward to 2003 and what God has in store for us. We have our plans in place for seminars we will be presenting, however, we must be open to God's planning for us and where He might be leading us in our ministry next year and beyond. If your church would like to host a seminar please get in touch with our office and we will make the necessary arrangements.

On behalf of all of us at Freedom Life Centre we wish you a very Blessed and joyous Christmas time and a safe and healthy New Year.

Lindy Collie {Ministry Co-ordinator}
Dulcie Andrew {Administrator}

From Dr Warren's Pen

1 Corinthians 1:27 "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

We are still in the process of learning the truth of these words which have been shown to be fact at various times in Scripture. Let me share one such example with you.

In the book of Judges, we have the situation where an angel appeared to Gideon and said, "*The Lord is with you, brave and mighty man.*" He was then told by the Lord to "*Go with all your great strength and rescue Israel from the Midianites, I myself am sending you.*"

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Note carefully Gideon's reply. "*But Lord, how can I rescue Israel? My tribe is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least important member of my family.*" In his own sight, Gideon felt totally inadequate. In his own eyes he was nothing.

God's response to him was of great encouragement. "*You can do it, because I will help you.*"

How often have you, the reader, been guilty of thinking God can not use you to do mighty exploits. Why? Because you have seen yourself as "the least important" and have not believed all power is His and if he has given you the opportunity of doing something, whether it be small or great in your eyes, his power and authority is all sufficient. It is not your great ability that will get the job done, it is His. You only have to obey.

God was patient with Gideon who asked for signs. God graciously gave the signs Gideon asked for. We too may like to have signs from God, but what He required is our faith to believe that He will do what He says.

Gideon's task was to free the nation of Israel from the invading Midianite army. The Midianite army prepared for battle against the army of Israel. They, with the Amalakites and the desert tribes crossed the Jordan River and camped in Jezreel Valley.

"The spirit of the Lord took control of Gideon and he blew a trumpet to call the men of the clan of Abiezer to follow him." He sent messengers to both parts of the tribe of Manasseh to follow him. He also sent messengers to the tribes of Asher, Zebulun and Naphtali and they also came to join him.

God said to Gideon, "*The men you have are too many for me to give them victory over the Midianites. They might think that they have won by themselves and so give me no credit. Announce to the people. 'Anyone who is afraid should go back home, and we will stay here at Mount Gilead.'*" *So twenty two thousand went back, but ten thousand stayed."*

God said to Gideon, you still have too many men. Take them down to the water and I will separate them for you there.

God then told Gideon, "*Separate everyone who laps up the water with his tongue like a dog, from everyone who gets down on his knees to drink.*"

There were three hundred who scooped up water with their hands and lapped it. All the others got down on their knees to drink.

God then told Gideon, *“I will give you victory over the Midianites with the three hundred who lapped the water. Tell everyone else to go home.”*

God gave Gideon the victory with the three hundred men.

WHY DID GOD CHOOSE THE THREE

HUNDRED? Bible commentators say, it is because those who scooped up the water were keeping watch in case the enemy suddenly came upon them. This is not the reason. I did not understand the real reason until a friend asked me why God had chosen the three hundred and I gave him the stock answer. But it was wrong. When the real reason is seen, it is magnificent encouragement for all of us who feel so inadequate to be used of God to win the world into His kingdom. The real reason was that the younger more resilient fighting men were the ones who had no difficulty getting on their knees to drink. Once more God was separating out those who may have been able to boast that their great fighting ability was the cause of Israel gaining the victory.

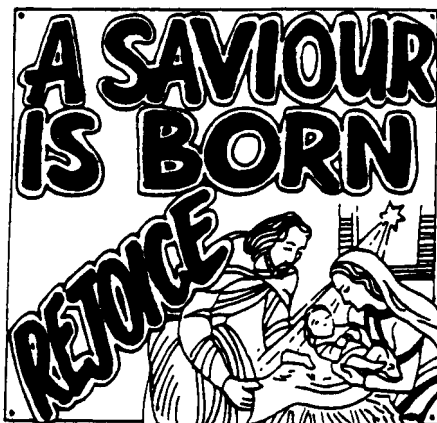
God once more was teaching that you and I who so often think we can not do much, He will empower to change this world where we are and beyond.

I challenge you as you read this message to us from Scripture; to right now offer yourself to Him to obey Him in whatever He calls you to be or to do in his army.

Prayer Points

The members of Freedom Life Centre value your prayers and would ask for prayer support in the following areas:

- * for continued good health and safe travel for Col and all our team members,
- * for guidance in planning for all seminar activity in 2003,
- * for members of our ministry teams as they minister to individuals,
- * for wisdom for members of our Working Committee as we plan for 2003.



Have you heard the story about the candy cane? Of all the beautiful traditions of Christmas, few are so ancient in meaning and rich in symbolism as the simple candy cane.



Candy canes are now made in various colours, however the colour of the cane this story is about is the traditional colour of white with red stripes.

If you look at the shape of the cane, what does it remind you of? Its shape is the crook of the shepherds who were one of the first who came to visit this special baby boy born in Bethlehem.

The lively peppermint flavour is the regal gift of spice. This was the gift of the wise men.

The white is Jesus' purity, the wide red stripe His sacrifice on the cross for each one of us.

The narrow stripes are for friendship and the nearness of His Love.

Eternal sweet compassion, a gift from God above;

The candy cane reminds us all of just how much God cared and like his Christmas gift to us, it's meant to be broken and shared.

So next time you buy a candy cane, not only share it with someone, but also share with them the story.

OUR VISION

“..... to proclaim freedom for the captives.....”
{Isaiah 61:1 - 3} by:-

PREACHING AND TEACHING GOD'S WORD

{Mark 16:15; Matthew 28: 19 - 20}

MINISTERING HEALING AND WHOLENESS

{MARK 6:13}

DESTROYING DEMONIC STRONGHOLDS

{2 Corinthians 10:4}

all undergirded with

PRAYER

OUR MINISTRY

is firmly based upon

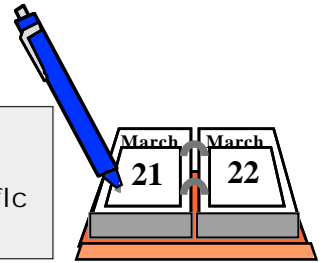
the AUTHORITY of GOD'S WORD
the CHARACTER of GOD'S LOVE the
PRESENCE and POWER of GOD'S SPIRIT
through

Teaching and Training Seminars
Strategic Level Prayer Support
Individual Ministry



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Dates for your Diary

If you are interested in hosting a seminar or having Freedom Life Centre visit in your area, please do not hesitate to contact us.

**14th - 15th February 2003
Victory Christian Centre
Charlestown, Newcastle N.S.W.
Deliverance Seminar
Rev. Colin Warren**

**7th - 9th March 2003
Rangeville Uniting Church
15 High Street
Toowoomba Q'ld
Healing & Wholeness Seminar
Rev. Jack & Mrs Leonie
Frewen-Lord**

**14th - 16th March 2003
Glasshouse Country Uniting
Church
Twin Peaks Road
Beerwah Q'ld
Healing & Wholeness Seminar
Rev. Jack & Mrs Leonie
Frewen-Lord**

**21st - 23rd March 2003
Sunnybank U.C.
Brisbane Q'ld**

**Prayer Seminar
Rev. Colin Warren**

**4th - 6th April 2003
Murgon U.C. Q'ld
Prayer Seminar
Rev. Colin Warren**

**10th May 2003
Inala Uniting Church
Inala Q'ld
Prayer
Dulcie Andrew**

**16th - 18th May 2003
Moree Uniting Church
Moree N.S.W.
Rev. Colin Warren**

**19th - 23rd May 2003
Rangeville Uniting Church
Toowoomba Q'ld
Week of Teaching**

**20th - 22nd June 2003
Crystal Brook U.C.**

**Crystal Brook S.A.
Rev. Colin Warren**

**August 2003
South Australia**

**September 2003
Western Australia**

**5th - 7th September 2003
Murgon U.C. Q'ld
Healing & Wholeness Seminar
Rev. Jack & Mrs Leonie Frewen-
Lord**

**10th - 12th October 2003
Toogoolawah U.C. Q'ld
Prayer Seminar
Rev. Colin Warren**

**We have had other enquiries
regarding seminars, however, no
dates have yet been set. More
information will be given on the
above seminars at a later date.**



Wish to Donate?

If you would like to support Freedom Life Centre financially you may do so in the following ways:

- One off donation \$_____ (EITHER send a cheque with this form to the FLC address above OR visit any Westpac branch and make your payment into the following account: — BSB # 034221, Account # 123165, Account Name: Freedom Life Centre)
- Regular periodic deposits to the FLC account can be made from your own bank to:— Uniting Church Investment Service, BSB#: 704919, Account#: 100002427, Account Name: Rangeville Uniting Church - Freedom Life Centre

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If you have changed your address or the address we have for you is not correct and you would still like to be on our mailing list, could you please take a little time to update us.

Name:.....Phone:.....

Address:.....